

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Approval of Resolution – Water
Service – HES

ITEM NO.: 9L

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MEETING: June 20, 2006
ACTION DATE: June 20, 2006

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve a resolution requesting that Stafford County install domestic water service (line) to Hartwood Elementary School.

KEY POINTS:

1. Hartwood Elementary School located at 14 Shackelford's Well Road in the Hartwood Magisterial District is the only school in the County that maintains and operates a well for potable water and a package sewage treatment plant to support its water and wastewater requirements. Over the past 10 years HES has been faced with water quantity (not enough) and water quality (elevated levels of lead, copper, etc.) issues that have adversely impacted school operations. Several initiatives to bring County water to HES have failed due mainly to cost and growth issues. During the last two years, staff has worked closely with HES Administration, Stafford County Utilities Department, and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) on several repair and upgrade initiatives focused on increasing the water supply, improving water storage and distribution and enhancing water quality.
2. On March 9, 2004 the School Board unanimously approved a resolution requesting Stafford County provide domestic water services to Hartwood Elementary School.
3. Stafford County Board of Supervisors were updated on water service issues at Hartwood on April 6 and June 1, 2004.
4. In May 2004 the Stafford County Utilities Department provided a preliminary cost estimate and identified operational issues associated with running a domestic water line to HES. This estimate has recently been updated. Estimated cost to run a water line from the Stafford Lakes Subdivision entrance at Route 17 to Hartwood Elementary School is \$1.7M. The Utilities Department assumes HES would be the only user of the water line and therefore significant water quality issues, due to the length of time it would take for water to travel that distance to Hartwood Elementary School, would be challenges to overcome. There may also be significant opposition to extend water to this area of the county due to the prevailing thought that water services promotes growth. The water line would also be outside the Urban Service Area.

5. On May 23, 2006, School Board once again unanimously requested staff bring forward a new resolution requesting Stafford County Board of Supervisors approve and install domestic water service to HES.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: #5 - Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

#7 - Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

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